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SIMMONS SAYS TO SENIORS: "CALL ME"

Urges Connecticut Seniors To Contact His Office Regarding Prescription Drug Benefit

Nearly 340,000 Connecticut's Seniors Have Signed Up

Registration Deadline One Week From Today

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, today continued his efforts to urge those eastern Connecticut's seniors not yet signed up for the new Medicare prescription drug benefit to contact his Norwich office immediately.

"This program is working. Nearly 330,000 Connecticut seniors have signed up for the new Medicare drug benefit," Simmons said. "I urge all seniors who have yet to join up to call my Norwich office so that my staff can help you decide which Medicare program is best."

Last month, Simmons told the story of one of his constituents' experience with Medicare part D, "In March, for example, Ms. Rita Hoffman, an 80-year-old Norwich resident, signed up for a plan that is now saving her \$3,200 a year on her prescription medications. I was proud to vote in favor of this new benefit, which represents the largest expansion of Medicare since the program began 40 years ago, because I was certain it was going to deliver much-needed and much-deserved assistance to our seniors."

Seniors across the country are finding out how effective the new Medicare drug benefit is. Recent national headlines and editorials include:

Washington Post Reports "Most Seniors Enrolled Say Drug Benefit Saves Money"

"NAACP to Boost Drug Plan"

"Seniors Laud Medicare Rx Benefit," Reports NY Daily News

New York Times Editorial Says Many Seniors "Are Clearly Saving Money on Drug Purchases"

New York Times Reports on "Medicare's Satisfied Customers"

AARP Says "More Older Americans Than Ever Before Have Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs"

27 Million Seniors Have Drug Coverage, and Nearly 400,000 Enroll Each Week in Medicare Rx

Simmons concluded, "Every day, more and more of our nation's seniors are learning that the Medicare prescription drug benefit is a real benefit that provides a real savings. Here at home, nearly 340,000 Connecticut seniors are signed up and enjoying significant savings on their medicines. For Connecticut's seniors the choice is easy: enroll now, and start saving. Call me at 860-886-0139.

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